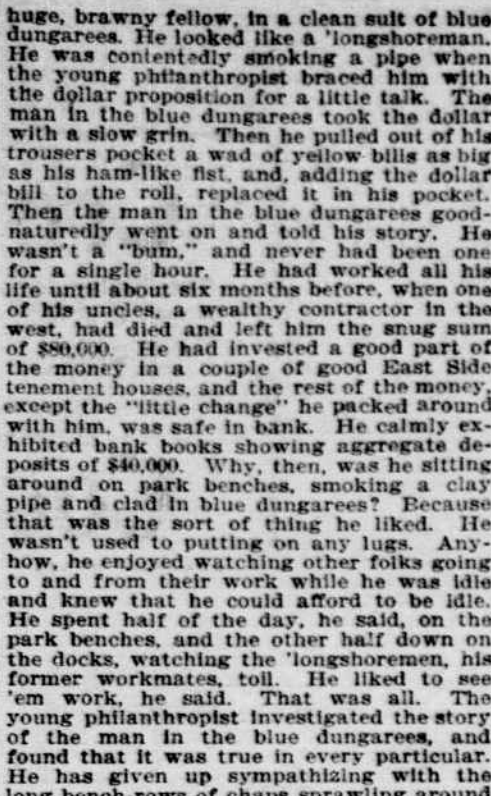


huge, brawny fellow, in a clean suit of blue dungarees. He looked like a 'longshoreman



### Novelty in Crime.

When it comes to novelty in the criminal line, the department store is in this correspondence. New York comes pretty close to leading the world.

About a month ago one of the great department stores of 23d street engaged as a floor detective for the holidays an alert, busy in the line of the department store.

When the woman presented herself for the job she had all manner of fine credentials, showing that she had performed similar duty in the line of the department store, and she was engaged in quick order. She was assigned to the fur department, which is the largest and the most important department store's building, furs being one of the establishment's specialties. It was her business, of course, to keep an eye on the customers.

She hadn't been at work in her new position for more than a week before she had a chance to show her mettle. She had a good many articles—fine coats and muffs and such. But the female detective seemed to be tremendously busy all over the department store. She was very busy, and were convinced of her competency. So they simply charged the missing articles up to the detective's account. They were not of cribbing by shoplifters inevitable during the Christmas shopping season, even with the services of expert female detectives.

The detective's incumbency the thefts from the fur department increased at a prodigious rate. The detective was very busy, and were themselves with coats and muffs, but they were actually getting away with heavy and valuable fur coats. When these facts were brought to the attention of the manager, he decided to put one of its regular female detectives in the fur department to keep an eye on the picture has for years been the shoplifters. The regular female detective hadn't been on duty with the extra employee for more than half a day when she saw a woman who had been in the rogues' gallery, with "shoplifter" scrawled underneath the portrait, and immediately pick up a valuable seal muff and walk off with it.

The eyes of the new female detective. This fact she reported to the firm.

### The Detective Detected.

The detective telephoned for a headquarters detective. The headquarters detective was strolling through the fur department of the department store, and he had no sooner clapped eyes upon the extra female detective than he indulged in a broad grin. He recognized the

The woman was taken off to headquarters and the case was closed. She was taken to "peach" on her pals, but the headquarters man found out where she lived, and, with a few dollars, she was able to get out of that same evening. He dug out something like \$14,000 of the firm's fine furs, and corralled half a dozen of the woman's pals, and the case was closed. The woman's national reputations as "lifters." The woman had skillfully forged the credentials of a store detective, and she had invited all hands among the shoplifters to come along and loot the establishment. It was a case that has never been pulled off even in New York, where there are thousands of crooks who spend all of their time framing up such cases against the store detective. One of the most notable firms of criminal lawyers in New York to defend her, and nobody would have dreamed of delegating the case to a young lawyer, who would be too foolish enough to imagine that she will have any great amount of "time" to do when the trial is over. Things don't happen that way.

### Consumptive Try New Cure

Up in Morningside Park, in Harlem, by permission of the city there has been a camp of about a dozen male consumptives since October 15. They are taking the new open-air cure for the disease. Each man has a shelter tent, and there is a big A-tent used as a kitchen. The men take turns in the kitchen, and the order of the day is of voluntary military discipline is maintained. The most robust man of the lot—and the term is rather pitiable, at that—having

men of curing pulmonary diseases. The men are very warmly clad in several suits of heavy clothing, and their chests are permitted to have any sort of a fire in or around their shelter tents, and they are required to keep on the move as much as possible. They are not permitted to lie down at night they sleep in their shelter tents under heavy bedding, but their heads are exposed to the cold air, of course. The medical men have them in charge to insure that the more frigid air they breathe while sleeping comfortably wrapped up in their bedding, the better are their chances of being cured. Other features of the open-air cure are the consumption of a large quantity of raw eggs, unlimited quantities of pure milk and a certain emulsion of mixed fats, which has natural cod liver oil in it. The treatment of persons who are only in a run-down or physical condition. The treatment to which these consumptives in Morningside Park are subjected through the weeks looks pretty hard, but it is even easier to describe than it is described in print, but it should be said that every one of the men has improved and gained in weight and appetite and good general condition, and a respite from the treatment. They are going to stick to it all through the winter, and their medical men, a physician and a nurse, are of the opinion, a physician of the reputation that most of them will not only survive, but be cured by the time the crocuses begin to pop.

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**Left-Hand People.**

From the New York Times.

to classify people said he never saw so many left-eyed passengers in one car. "What do you mean by left-eyed passengers?" asked his companion. "People who use their left eye more than their right," was the reply. "The species is not common, and of course none but a student in oculence would be able to distinguish the few whom we do meet. A left-handed person advertises his peculiarity at once; not so the left-eyed man. As a rule it takes an oculist to determine which eye is the weaker, but there are some peculiarities of the pupil and lid that may be taken as pretty sure signs by the trained observer."

"Left-eyed people are made, not born. Most of us have been blessed by nature

"Attitude we strike when reading or writing causes us to exercise one eye more than the other, and use first thing we know we are right or left-eyed. This is a one-sidedness that should always be taken into consideration when buying glasses. A right-eyed man with left-eyed spectacles, or vice versa, is at a decided disadvantage, and it is the optician's business to see that he is properly fitted."